

C 7 functional parts thereto [; and

8 coating strippable paint on a painted surface of the large-paint finished product].

Claim 26, line 1, delete "large";

line 2, change "product" to --automobile--; change "25" to --20--.

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1 27. (Amended) A method of forming a protective film on a [large] paint-finished
[product] automobile according to claim 20, further including the steps of:

3 preliminarily drying said coated strippable paint using a first drying means; and

4 non-preliminarily drying the preliminarily dried, strippable paint using a second drying

5 means.

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1 30. (Amended) [A] The method of claim 27, wherein said step of preliminarily drying

2 said strippable paint uses infrared [irradiation] radiation from said first drying means and

3 said step of non-preliminarily drying said [product] strippable paint uses hot air from said

4 second drying means.

Please cancel claims 22-25, 28 and 29 without prejudice, or without dedication or abandonment of the subject matter thereof.

Please add the following new claim.

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1 37. (New) The method of claim 32, wherein said preliminary and non-preliminary

2 drying steps are performed at elevated temperatures.

REMARKS:

Upon entry of the present amendment, the claims in the application are claims 14-16, 19, 20, 26, 27 and 30-37, of which claims 14, 19, 20 and 34 are independent.

Claims 20 and 27 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly